



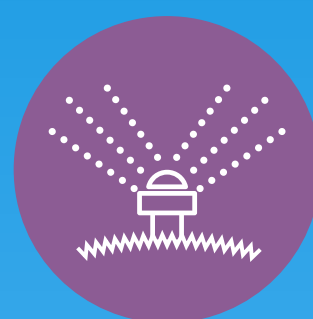
# — UNDERSTANDING — RECLAIMED WATER

Reclaimed water is treated and disinfected domestic wastewater that can be reused for irrigation and other purposes to extend our water supplies.



## WHY USE RECLAIMED WATER?

- Reduces direct disposal into waterways, which can help reduce nutrient deliveries to ecologically-sensitive waterbodies.
- Reduces stress on drinking water supplies.
- Costs less than drinking water.



## HOW IS RECLAIMED WATER USED?

- Reclaimed water is predominately used to irrigate lawns, landscapes and golf courses.
- Reclaimed water can be used for groundwater replenishment, natural system restoration and to offset industrial uses of water.

## REUSE RESPONSIBLY

### DO

- Conserve reclaimed water as you would drinking water.
- Minimize fertilizer use when you irrigate with reclaimed water.
- Ensure backflow prevention devices are in place.
- Know and follow your utility's guidelines.

### DO NOT

- Let reclaimed water run needlessly onto sidewalks, driveways or streets.
- Use reclaimed water in swimming pools, hot tubs, wading pools or spas.
- Use reclaimed water for cooking or drinking.

## DID YOU KNOW?

# ↑ 60%

REUSE OF RECLAIMED WATER IN FLORIDA HAS INCREASED BY NEARLY 60% SINCE 1999.



Public access reclaimed water pipes, valves and outlets are color coded purple to distinguish them from other water sources.



Only reclaimed water that meets the applicable standards can be released to the reuse system.



Run-off or ponding of reclaimed water is prohibited.

## PROTECTING TOGETHER

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